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City of Medicine Hat

(Revised June, 1969)

1. LOCATION

Section 31-12-5-W4 in Census Division No. 1. This location is at the junction of the Canadian Pacific Railway transcontinental line and Crow's Nest line. It is on Highway No. 1(Trans Canada) and the eastern starting point of Highway No. 3. The city is built along both banks of the South Saskatchewan River.

2. ALTITUDE

2,181 feet Latitude - 50/03 Longitude - 110/40

3. TEMPERATURE

Mean summer - 65° F.

Mean winter - 16.1° F.

Mean yearly - 41.5° F.

4. RAINFALL

Average annual rainfall - 9.42 inches.

Average annual snowfall - 48.7 inches.

Average annual precipitation - 14.29 inches.

5. GEOLOGY

The bedrock of this area, underlying the glacial deposits, is the Belly River formation of the Upper Cretaceous period. This formation is a series of light colored sandstone and shales. This horizon includes dinosaur beds and coal seams.

6. SOIL

Medicine Hat is in the brown soil zone.

Vegetation—

Short grass prairie.

Soil Profile

In the normal profile the surface horizon is about 5 inches deep and brown in color. The sub-soil is commonly brownish in color and lime is found at depths averaging 16 inches below the surface. The parent material is found at depths of 14 to 24 inches. In other zones this horizon occurs at greater depths.

Fertility

Moisture is the principal limiting factor in crop production. Soils in this zone are relatively low in nitrogen and phosphorus and under irrigation, or in a wet year, respond to fertilizers supplying these elements.

Land Use

Only the most favorable soil types can be considered arable. Most of the area is desirable for ranching. Where farmed, wheat is the principal crop grown. Cropping practices must provide for moisture conservation and control of soil drifting. The long frost-free period makes this zone a desirable area for the development of irrigation.

7. HISTORY

Medicine Hat is an odd and famous name, well known beyond Canada's borders. The accepted source is that years before the coming of the white man, the Cree tribes won a battle against the Blackfeet with the aid of a charmed hat once owned by a great medicine man and from that time on the district has been known as Medicine Hat.

The real birth of Medicine Hat centered around the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1883. The first bridge, over which trains crossed the South Saskatchewan River, was constructed the same year. Settlers lived in tents until the area was surveyed. All business was transacted in tents and church services were held wherever accommodation could be found. After the survey, a building boom ensued.

Fort Walsh, established in 1875 just east of the Saskatchewan border by the North West Mounted Police, was moved to Police Point in 1883, which is now the Medicine Hat Golf Course. During the Rebellion in 1885, a regiment of soldiers from Halifax was stationed on the present site.

The Medicine Hat School District was formed in 1886. The Separate School Board was formed in 1912.

The "Medicine Hat News" was established in 1885. The "Medicine Hat Times" was established in 1905 and ceased publication in 1916.

The Medicine Hat Municipal District Hospital was built in 1889 and in 1904 a nurses' residence was completed. Since that time, many additions have been built.

The Medicine Hat Public Library was opened in 1915, occupying two rooms in the Huckvale Block. In 1929 the Library Board purchased the former office site of the Bank of Montreal.

It can truly be said that the City of Medicine Hat was built on gas. In 1883 the Canadian Pacific Railway accidently struck gas while drilling a water well. Eight years later the president of the railway company loaned a drilling rig to the town council and gas was struck at 650 feet. In 1903 the council passed a money by-law for the establishment of a gas distribution system.

Medicine Hat was established as an unincorporated town on May 31, 1894, and was incorporated as a regular town on October 31, 1898. Medicine Hat received a city charter on May 9, 1906.

8. LIVING CONDITIONS

Situated in the valley of the South Saskatchewan River, Medicine Hat is a city of trees and gardens. The residents take great pride in their lawns, flower and vegetable gardens.

Wide paved streets and modern stores are features of the business section. The city-owned utilities provide low cost heat, water and electric power.

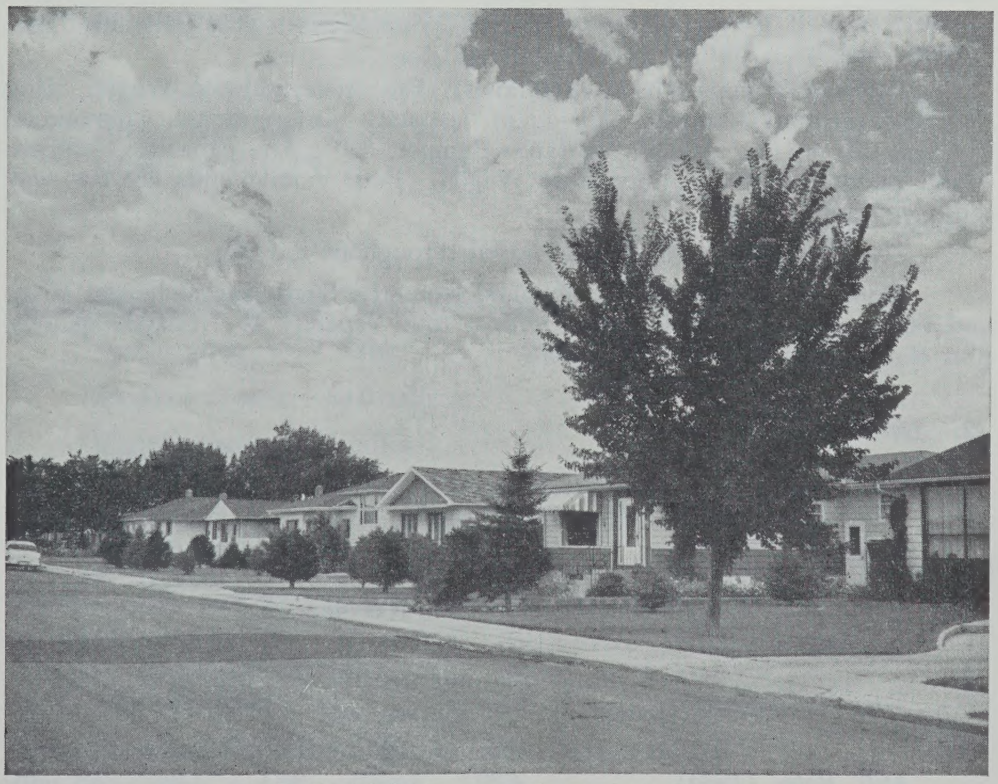
There is ample provision for sports, drama, recreation and other forms of entertainment.

Deer and antelope, as well as ducks, geese and upland game birds abound on the prairie not far from the city limits, while the fishermen will find plenty of pike, pickerel, goldeye, ling and perch in the nearby streams.

There are about 7,000 homes in the city with approximately 70% owner-occupied.

9. ADMINISTRATION

The city is governed by a mayor, elected for a three-year term, and eight aldermen, elected for a three-year term. The city is administered by heads of departments through a co-ordinating committee, who are responsible to the city council for the efficient operation and management of all departments. There are several boards and commissions, appointed by the council, that do not come within the jurisdiction of the co-ordinating committee; such as: the Board of Health, Library Board, Recreation Commission and the Municipal Planning Commission.



Residential districts are modern and attractive

10. LAW ENFORCEMENT

R.C.M.P. Detachment (O.C. Sergeant, two First Class Corporals, Five Constables, one Special Constable).

Court House (Police Magistrate, Clerk of the Court, Sheriff).

City Police Department (Chief Constable, one Magistrate, Inspector, four Detectives, Traffic Sergeant, four Patrol Sergeants, Desk Sergeant, 27 Constables, Poundkeeper, Court Stenographer).

Building Regulations - The city operates under a planning by-law which ensures an overall planned development. The Medicine Hat Regional Planning Commission serves the city and the surrounding district. All new buildings and improvements must conform to the requirements of the National Building Code. Plans must be approved by the building inspector. A development permit covering zoning regulations, and a building permit are issued before any building construction is started.

Electrical installations must comply with the Alberta Electrical Protection Act.

Sanitary installations must comply with the Provincial Health Regulations.

Gas installations must comply with the Alberta Gas Protection Act.

11. FIRE PROTECTION

The Medicine Hat Fire Department is composed of: Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Inspector. There are three 10-man platoons who operate on a 40-hour week. On each shift there is a captain, lieutenant and eight firemen, making a total of 33 personnel.

The mobile apparatus is as follows: Emergency Station Wagon; King Seagrave Custom Pumper, 840 g.p.m. capacity; International Commercial Pumper, 625 g.p.m. capacity; LaFrance Pumper, 600 g.p.m. capacity; Seagrave Aerial Ladder, 75-foot; Utility Hose Wagon. Four mobile units are two-way radio equipped.

There are 567 fire hydrants located throughout the city.

Water Supply - Water is obtained from the South Saskatchewan River and pumped into three reservoirs with a total capacity of 7,140,000 gallons, plus elevated tower of 329,000 gallons.

12. TAX STRUCTURE

	1969 Assessment
Land, 75% of 1957 market value	$14,010,350
Improvements, 60% of 75% of 1957 deprec. value	38,813,470
Business	1,996,668
Power and Pipelines	157,820
Value of properties wherein grants are received in lieu of taxes	1,658,540
Total Assessment	$56,636,848

	Munic.	Sch.	Hosp.	Library	Total
Mill Rate (1969)	4.39	44.97	3.71	1.93	55 mills

TAXES:

Residential:

Land value - 100% of the 75% of the 1957 value. Buildings assessed at 60% of 75% of the 1957 depreciated replacement value.

Business:

For a business tax an assessment is made of any class or classes of business at a sum equal to the gross annual rental value of the premises as fixed by the assessor. To this is applied a percentage levied by council, not to exceed 25%.

1968 levy was 7% and 9%.

Industrial:

Industrial buildings are assessed at 60% of 75% of the depreciated 1957 replacement cost. Land is assessed at 100% of 75% of 1957 value. Machinery used in manufacturing or processing is assessed at 30% of 75% of the depreciated 1957 replacement cost. However, council has passed a bylaw exempting machinery and equipment from assessment and taxation and levied a business tax in lieu thereof.

13. AREAS

Total area of city - 14,300 acres.

Parks and playgrounds - 600 acres.

Miles of roads, streets and lanes.

	Asphalt	Gravel	Imp. Earth	Total
Provincial Main	4.38			4.38
Streets and Roads	105.0	31.8	19.7	156.5
Lanes	2.8	86.0	12.4	101.2
			Total Miles	262.08

14. SEWER AND WATER MAIN MILEAGE

Storm sewers - 37 miles.

Sanitary sewers - 84.6 miles.

Water mains - 91.7 miles.

15. POWER

Three phase 60 cycle power is generated and distributed by the City of Medicine Hat inter-connected with the Calgary Power system.

Residential Rate

General light and single phase appliances.

First 30 KWH or less used per month - 6c per KWH.

Remainder KWH used per month - 1½c per KWH.

Minimum monthly charge - $1.00.

General Service Power Rate

Service at various secondary voltages for lighting and/or power.

Demand charge - per HP connected or KVA measured - $1.00.

Energy charge - First 200 KWH used per month per HP or KVA 1½c per KWH.

Remainder KWH used per month - 1c per KWH.

Minimum monthly charge - The demand charge but not less than $5.00.

Contract Primary Power Rate (4,160 Volt)

Five year contract only. For primary power users who are within reach of the distribution lines and who use service at 4,000 volts for power service to three phase motors of not less than 100 HP or 75 KVA in rated capacity and not less than 10,000 KWH per month.

Demand charge - $1.00 per KVA.

Energy charge - First 100 KWH used per KVA of monthly demand - ¾c per KWH.

Remainder KWH used per KVA of monthly demand - ½c per KWH.

(Other special rates are available for farm use, for stores, and for users requiring the 13,800 volt service).

The Federal building is an appropriate addition to the business section

16. WATER

Water is obtained from the South Saskatchewan River and pumped through a filtration plant into three reservoirs with a total storage capacity of 7,140,000 gallons. From the reservoirs, the water enters the distribution system.

A newly developed underground aquifer is now being used. The aquifer has a capacity of ten million gallons of cool water per day at an average temperature of from 40° to 55°F.

Domestic Rate

$3.25 for a 5 room house (20c each additional room).

Water Meter Schedule Applicable to All Services

CONSUMPTION PER MONTH 1000 GALLONS	RATE PER 1000 GALLONS	MIN. MONTHLY CONSUMPTION PER 1000 GAL.	MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE
0 to 6	.35	6	$ 2.10
6 to 10	.34	7	2.38
10 to 25	.31	11	3.41
25 to 45	.29	27	7.83
45 to 80	.25	50	12.50
80 to 130	.23	90	20.70
130 to 175	.21	150	31.50
175 to 250	.19	210	39.90
250 to 600	.18	300	54.00
600 to 1000	.16	750	120.00
Over 1000	.15	1250	187.50

Water Analysis	Parts per Million
Total Solids	302
Ignition Loss	96
Hardness	195
Sulphates	55
Chlorides	15
Alkalinity	180
Nature of Alkalinity - Bicarbonate of Lime and Magnesium	
Nitrites	Trace
Nitrates	1.6
Iron	.1
Fluorine	1.2

Remarks - Chemically this water is suitable.

17. GAS

The natural gas distribution system is owned and operated by the City of Medicine Hat.

Gas Rates - Class G 4.1

Applicable to: Combined heating and industrial process customers with a peak monthly consumption over 300 m.c.f.

Demand Charges:

$2.00 per 100 m.c.f. for the first 1,000 m.c.f./month.

$1.00 per 100 m.c.f. for the next 5,000 m.c.f./month.

.50 per 100 m.c.f. for all over 6,000 m.c.f./month.

Fuel Rate:

First 300 m.c.f./month	22c per m.c.f.
Next 700 m.c.f./month	16c per m.c.f.
Next 2,000 m.c.f./month	15c per m.c.f.
Next 5,000 m.c.f./month	14c per m.c.f.
All over 8,000 m.c.f./month	13c per m.c.f.

Minimum charge - the demand charge.

18. LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS

Heat value - 2,550 b.t.u. per cu. ft. at 60° F.

100 lb. cylinders - $6.50.

Bulk - negotiable, domestic - 17.2c per gallon.

Storage capacity - 30,000 U.S. gallons.

19. DIESEL FUEL

Heat value - 135,000 to 140,000 b.t.u. per gallon at 60° F.

Winter grade - 18.2c per gallon.

Summer grade - 18.2c per gallon.

Storage capacity - 51,000 gallons.

20. COAL

None used.

21. RESOURCES

Clay, gas, coal, greenhouse products, sand and gravel, cereal grain, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry and eggs, linseed oil, vegetables, irrigation, pumice.

22. GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SERVICES

Federal - Canada Pension Plan, Customs, Post Office, Department of Agriculture, South Alberta Regiment, Radio-Meteorological Office, R.C.M.P. Detachment, Canada Manpower.

Provincial - Department of Agriculture, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Highways and Transport, Department of Labour, Department of Lands and Forests, Department of Municipal Affairs, Treasury Department, Alberta Government Telephones, Liquor Store.

Municipal - City Hall housing (Mayor's Office, Council Chamber, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Comptroller, City Assessor, Industrial Co-ordinator, Purchasing Agent, other Civic Buildings house the following: Superintendent of Electrical System, Superintendent of Gas, Superintendent of Water Works, Public Welfare Department, Superintendent of Public Works, Police Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, Fire Department, Pound Keeper, Municipal Airport, City Engineer.

23. HEALTH SERVICES

The Medicine Hat Municipal Hospital has 233 beds and 37 bassinets. It is staffed by a Hospital Administrator, Superintendent of Nurses, 101 graduate nurses, 62 student nurses, 285 other staff. A chronic hospital addition was completed in 1964.

Rates per day - Residents - $5.00 for first day and $2.50 for each day thereafter.

Non-Residents - $25.00.

Medicine Hat Health Unit No. 1 has a staff of 1 doctor, 6 nurses, 3 part-time nurses, 3 sanitary inspectors, 4 secretary technicians, 1 dental officer, 1 dental hygienist.

Medicine Hat's hospital facilities are well equipped and staffed

Other health services consist of 9 dentists, 26 doctors, 4 optometrists, 3 chiropractors, 2 dental labs, 4 dental mechanics, 2 optical dispensers, 3 veterinarians, 2 funeral parlors, 10 drug stores, 4 homes for the aged.

24. PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED PERSONAL SERVICES (Excluding Health Services)

Type of Service	No. of Establishments
Architects	2
Chartered Accountants	3
Public Accountants	3
Barristers	6
Beauty Parlors	27
Barbers	20
Watch Repairs	7

25. TRANSPORTATION

Canadian Pacific Railway - main line Vancouver to Montreal via Medicine Hat. Dayliner service Medicine Hat to Lethbridge and Crow's Nest Pass.

Canadian Greyhound Bus - Medicine Hat to Calgary and points west and north. Medicine Hat to Regina and points east. Medicine Hat to Lethbridge, Fort Macleod and Crow's Nest Pass.

Redcliff Buses - Medicine Hat to Redcliff.

City Buses - A private company operates 17 buses on a 30-minute schedule except Sundays.

Air Lines - Mel Air Ltd. makes daily scheduled flights, except Sundays.

Taxi - 3 companies, 19 cabs.

Truck - 27 companies transporting east and west.

26. NEWSPAPERS

Medicine Hat News (daily).

27. COMMUNICATIONS

Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, Alberta Government Telephones, Post Office, Radio Station CHAT, Television Station CHAT-TV.

28. FINANCIAL FACILITIES

Bank of Montreal (2 branches), Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (3 branches), Toronto-Dominion Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Nova Scotia, Provincial Treasury Branch, Canada Trust - Huron and Erie, The Security Trust Company Limited, Farmers and Merchants Trust Co. Ltd., Co-Hat Savings and Credit Union.

29. HOTELS

	No. of Rooms	Rate	Beer License
Assiniboia	63	$5.00 up	yes
Cecil	48	$4.00 up	yes
Corona	76	$2.00 up	yes
Cosmopolitan	43	$3.00 up	yes
Royal	40	$2.50 up	yes
Park Lane	76	$7.00 up	yes

30. MOTELS

	No. of Units	Grade	Rate
Bel Aire	12	4 star	$7.00 up
Casa Linda	13	4 star	$6.00 up
Cloverleaf	33	4 star	$6.00 up
Crescent	15	4 star	$5.00 up
El Broncho	14	4 star	$7.00 up
Flamingo	36	4 star	$9.00 up
Frontier	23	4 star	$7.50 up
Hat	19	4 star	$7.00 up
Hill-Top	16	4 star	$5.00 up
Hi-way	2	3 star	$6.00 up
	6	4 star	
Michael's	13	4 star	$6.00 up
Park Lane	28	4 star	$7.00 up
Prairie Schooner	14	4 star	$7.50 up
Ranchman	24	AAA	$8.50 up
Rancho	16	4 star	$7.00 up
Roy's Brookwood Auto Court	1	2 star	$5.00 up
	2	3 star	
Satellite	24	4 star	$8.00 up
Shannon	6	3 star	$5.00 up
Sun Deck	17	4 star	$7.00 up
Trans Canada	25	4 star	$6.00 up

Trailer Courts

Alberta Government Park, 11 miles east on Highway No. 1.

Roy's Brookwood Auto Camp.

Shannon Trailer Court.

Wild Rose Trailer Court.

31. CHURCHES

Apostolic, Church of Pentecost, Church of God (Central Park), Church of the Nazarene, Fifth Avenue United Church, First Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Church (Anglican), St. Barnabas Church (Anglican), St. John's Presbyterian Church, St. Patrick's Church (RC), St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Memorial Salem United Church, Salvation Army, Westminster United Church, Grace Baptist Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Alliance Tabernacle, Christ the King (RC), All Saints Anglican Church, First Church of Christian Scientist, Church of God (Riverside), Crestwood Mennonite Brethern Church, Christian Science Church, Church of Christ, Evangelical Free Church, First Assembly of God, Grace Lutheran Church, Hillcrest United Church, Kingdom Hall, Riverside Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Parish Church (RC), St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Seventh-Day Adventists Church, Sons of Abraham Synagogue, Temple Baptist Church, Chapel Evangelical United Brethern Church, Christian Reformed Church, Memorial Evangelical United Brethern.

32. LODGES AND SERVICE CLUBS

Imperial Order Daughter of the Empire (4 chapters), Loyal Order of Moose, Women of the Moose Heart Legion, Independent Order of Foresters, I.O.O.F., Order of the Royal Purple, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Shrine Club, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club (2), Kinsmen Club, Lions Club, Optimist Club, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Y's Men's Club, Jaycettes, Kinette Club, Quota Club, Canadian Legion, Rebekah Lodges (2), Masonic Lodges (4), American Legion, Associated Canadian Travellers Ladies' Auxiliary, Beta Sigma Phi (5 Chapters), B'nai B'rith, Consumers Organization, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Hadassah, Lindholm (Scandinavian) Lodge, Lionettes, Loyal Orange Frontier Lodge, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, Shrine Ladies' Association, Daughters of the Nile, Order of DeMolay, Order of Eastern Star (2 Chapters), Opti Mrs. Club, Soroptimist Club, United Commercial Travellers, Women's Society of World Service.

33. SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Alberta Motor Association, Associated Canadian Travellers, Alberta Teachers' Association, Boy Scouts Association, Association of Professional Engineers, Business and Professional Women's Club, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Club, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Red Cross, Catholic Family Services, Medicine Hat Builders' Association and Exchange, Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede, Medicine Hat Curling Club, Cypress Club, Medicine Hat Pleasure Skating Club, Muscular Dystrophy Association, John Howard Society, Recreation Commission, Co-Operative Association, Co-Operative Women's Guild, Credit Bureau, C.P.R. Pensioners Association, C.P.R. Prairie Pride Lodge of Lady Firemen, C.P.R. Hope Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary, Four-H Beef Club, Four-H Dairy Club, Gideon Society, Girl Guide Association, Hat Ham Club, Philanthropic Education Organization, Radio Club, Tourist Council, University Women's Club, Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon Family Group, Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation,

Cerebral Palsy Association, Health and Happiness Centre, Tuberculosis Association, St. John's Ambulance Association, Victorian Order of Nurses, Medicine Hat General Hospital Alumnae Association, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Medicine Hat General Hospital, Dr. Dan MacCharles Auxiliary Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary, Association of Personal Safety, Charities Control Board, Retarded Children's Association, Family Service, United Fund, Alberta Fish and Game Association, Elkwater Cottagers Association, Farmers' Union of Alberta, Firemen's Recreational Association, Golden Friendship Society, Lo-Cal Tops Club, Horticultural Society, Motel Association, Police Association Social Club, Postal Employees Recreational Association, Senior Citizens' Club, South Alberta Caledonian Society, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing of America, Sportsmen's Club, Toastmasters' Club, Progressive Conservative Association, Liberal Association, New Democratic Party Association, Social Credit Association, Emergency Measures Organization, Labor Council, Connaught Golf Club (Ladies), Curling Rink Association, Hat Golf Club, Hat Figure Skating Club, Historical Society, Lawn Bowling Association, Little League Baseball Association, Medicine Hat Square Dance Club,

34. EDUCATION

The Medicine Hat Junior College first year University Program commenced September, 1965.

The Medicine Hat Public School District No. 76 teaches Grades 1 to 12 along with the following optional courses: Commercial, Home Economics, Woodwork, Metal, Electrical, Automotives, Agriculture, Music, Art, Drama and Physical Education, and: Business Education, Data Processing, Building Construction, Electronics, Drafting, Welding, Beauty Culture. The school population is made up as follows:

	Grades	No. of Teachers	No. of Pupils
Elementary	1 - 6	129	2,607
Junior High	7 - 9	65	1,405
High	10 - 12	84	1,349

The Medicine Hat Separate School District No. 21 teaches Grades 1 to 12 along with the following optional subjects: Art, Music, French, Home Economics, Driver Training, Automotive, Drafting, Ceramics, Merchandising, Commercial, Law and Psychology. The school population is made up as follows:

	Grades	No. of Teachers	No. of Pupils
Elementary	1 - 6	45	933
Junior High	7 - 9	15	422
High	10 - 12	26	330

Garbutt Business College offers complete commercial courses.

Hillcrest Christian College offers a three year course of two semesters each year in the following subjects: Theology, Physiology, Public Speaking, Languages, Art, Music, Voice and Bible Subjects.

The Medicine Hat School for Retarded Children employs two teachers.

35. THEATRES AND HALLS

	Capacity	Stage	Piano
Arena (new)	3,500	yes	no
Monarch Theatre	667	yes	yes
Towne Theatre	800	yes	yes
Public Library Auditorium	195	yes	yes
Eagles Hall	350	yes	yes
Oddfellows Hall	165	yes	yes
Moose Hall	240	yes	yes
Masonic Hall	120	yes	yes
Connaught Golf Club	275	yes	yes
Medicine Hat Golf Club	75	no	yes
City Hall Council Chamber	150	no	no
The Westerner	400	yes	yes
Columbia Hall	500	yes	yes
Elks Hall	500	yes	yes

36. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Medicine Hat Municipal Library is operated by the city and is open daily. The Library is supported by a Provincial Government grant, a Municipal Government grant and membership fees. The staff consists of a chief librarian, 7 assistant librarians, secretary, 2 janitors. The Library has over 68,000 volumes.

The Recreation Commission sponsors handicrafts, chess, stamp club, square dancing, folk dancing, drama, girls' and boys' physical training, basketball, badminton, hockey, baseball, volleyball, bugle band, pipe band, skating, senior citizens recreational activities, teenage activities, Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association, Allied Arts Council, Bridge Club, Chess Club, Children's Theatre, Civic Theatre, Community Art Club, Expo Club (Educational Discussion Group), Friends of the Library, Little Symphony Orchestra, Music Theatre, Music Festival Committee, Overture Concert Association. Playgrounds are supervised.

The Medicine Hat Little Theatre group is very active and has represented the Province in the Dominion Drama Festival.

Medicine Hat has 5 dance orchestras and 3 brass bands.

37. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Boys - Scouts, Cubs, Air Cadets, Army Cadets, Navy Cadets, Y.M.C.A., High School Key Clubs, Four-H Clubs, DeMolay, Leo Club and Circle K.

Girls - Guides, Brownies, C.G.I.T., A.Y.P.A. Explorers, Y.W.C.A., High School Keyette Clubs, Four-H Clubs, Pipe Band, Job's Daughters and Leo Club.

38. SPORTS

Hockey (senior, junior, juvenile, midget), baseball (senior, junior, midget), softball (ladies' and men's), curling, lawn bowling, indoor bowling, figure skating, swimming, basketball, badminton, volleyball, track and field, golf, tennis, water skiing, snow skiing at Elkwater Provincial Park, 40 miles from the city.

Facilities - Covered hockey arena with artificial ice, 2 open air rinks with artificial ice, covered curling rink with 8 sheets artificial ice, 18 open air hockey and skating rinks, baseball diamonds, two 18 hole golf courses, 2 lawn bowling greens, 4 outdoor swimming pools, 1 indoor bowling alley, 10 areas available for track and field.

39. FAIRS

Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede (4 day event), mid July.
Registered Quarter Horse Show (2 day event), mid July.
Feeder Sales.
Medicine Hat Corn Festival (3 day event), mid August.

40. HISTORIC SITES

Fort Walsh (R.C.M.P. headquarters 1875 - 1883).
Police Point (R.C.M.P. headquarters 1883 - 1891).
Museum.
Medicine Hat Historical Society was established in 1947.

41. CO-OPERATIVES

Alberta Wheat Pool, U.F.A., Central Co-operative Association Ltd.
The 11-22 Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant Ltd.

42. INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Type of Industry or Business	No. of Establishments
Accountants - Chartered	3
Accountants - Public	3
Adjustment Bureaus	3
Air Freight	1
Air Transport	1
Auctioneers	3
Auto Body Repairs and Painting	10
Auto Dealer Agencies	13
Auto Parts and Accessories	12
Auto Wreckers	6
Awnings	3
Bakeries	10
Banks	9
Barbers	21
Barristers	6
Beauty Parlors	27
Bicycle Repairs	2
Bottlers	4
Bowling Alleys	1
Brick and Tile	1
Building Contractors	20
Building Supplies	8
Bus Transportation	3
Business College	1
Cartage Delivery	13
Chemical Plant	1
Chiropractors	4
Clay Products (sewer pipe)	1
Clothing (children's)	5
Clothing (men's)	10
Clothing (women's)	14
Cold Storage Lockers	1
Concrete (Ready Mix)	3
Concrete Blocks	1
Confectioneries	17
Creameries	2

Type of Industry or Business	No. of Establishments
Dental Laboratories	2
Dentists	9
Department Stores	6
Doctors	30
Drug Stores	10
Dry Cleaners	7
Dry Goods	4
Electrical Appliances	12
Electrical Contractors	10
Flour and Feed Mills	3
Feed Lot (cattle)	1
Financial Agents	4
Florists	8
Funeral Parlors	2
Furniture	11
Garages and Service Stations	46
Glass	5
Glass Ornaments	1
Grain Elevators	5
Total Cap. 1,291,000 Bushels	
Greenhouses	11
Groceries	34
Hardware	8
Harness and Saddlery	2
Hatchery	1
Hobby Shop	1
Hotels	6
Implements (farm)	13
Implements (irrigation)	3
Insulator	1
Insulation Service	2
Insurance Agents	20
Jewellers	6
Junk Dealers	2
Laundries	4
Laundries (coin operated)	3
Linseed Oil	1
Livestock Buyers	3
Lumber Companies	6
Machine Shops	3
Mail Order Offices	3
Meat Shops	11
Metal Fabricating	3
Motels	19
Music and Music Instruments	5
Music Teachers	12
Newspaper	1
Office Supplies	3

Type of Industry or Business	No. of Establishments
Oil Distributors	6
Oil Equipment Hauling	1
Oil Well Cementing	1
Oil Well Services	5
Optometrists	4
Optical Grinding and Wholesale	1
Painters and Decorators	19
Photographers	3
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	8
Plumbing and Heating Supplies	2
Pool Halls	5
Potteries	1
Poultry Produce	1
Printers	3
Propane Distributors	2
Radio Broadcasting	1
Radio Sales and Service	12
Real Estate Agents	15
Restaurants	33
Roofing Contractors	4
Roofing Material	2
Sand and Gravel Dealers	7
Sash and Door and Planing Mills	6
Second Hand Stores	5
Seed Growers	1
Shoe Repairs	4
Shoe Shine	1
Shoe Stores	8
Sheet Metal	9
Signs	5
Sporting Goods	4
Stock Brokers	3
Stone and Marble Agents	2
Storage Companies	2
Tailors	3
Taxi Stands	3
Theatres	2
Theatres (Drive In)	1
Tire Manufacturer	1
Tire Repairs	3
Television Studio	1
Trucking Services	27
Trust Companies	3
Upholstering	5
Venetian Blinds	1
Veterinarians	3
Welders	15

43. SITES

Excellent industrial sites with trackage and highway facilities can be purchased from the city at reasonable prices. Residential sites are also available from the city.

44. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Medicine Hat's per capita share of heavy industry is the largest of any city in the west. It has all the basic requirements for further industrial growth including cheap fuel in the form of natural gas, cheap power through the municipally owned power plant and an abundant supply of water at very low cost. In 1959 an aquifer was discovered and developed as a municipal utility. The aquifer has a capacity of 20 million gallons of pure water per day, ranging in temperature from 52 degrees during December to 42 degrees during May and June. The water is available for industries.

The following is a resume of the larger industries located in Medicine Hat.

CLAY WORKS

Hycroft China Limited - earthenware dishes, fancy wares, semi-porcelain decorated dinnerware.

Medicine Hat Brick and Tile Co. Ltd. (2 plants) - bricks, building tile, sewer pipe, vitrified flue lining, porcelain insulators.

GLASS FACTORIES

Altaglass - fancy glass ornaments.

RUBBER

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Canada Limited - automobile tires.

FLOUR MILLS

Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. - flour, cereals, mixes.

Ogilvie Flour Mills (2 plants) - flour, cereals, feeds.

City schools are modern, well equipped and well staffed

These mills have a daily capacity of 6,200 barrels. Over 5,000,000 bushels of wheat are processed annually.

Alberta Linseed Oil Company Ltd. - linseed oil, oil cake, meal.

GREENHOUSES

Sixteen greenhouses in the city cover a total area of 23 acres under glass. Flowers and hothouse vegetables are supplied year round to markets from Fort William to Vancouver.

CHEMICALS

Northwest Nitro Chemicals Limited - providing nitro-chemical fertilizer, utilizing natural gas as a principal raw material.

METAL WORKS

Crane of Canada Ltd. - McAvity Plant - iron foundry and valve fittings.

Success Automatic Land Leveller Company - irrigation implements.

S. F. Scott Manufacturing Company - ornamental ironwork.

Medicine Hat Iron Works - machine shop.

Wittke Iron Works - ornamental iron work.

Gas City Welding - ornamental iron work.

The chief agricultural activities of the district are cattle and sheep ranching as well as cereal and vegetables. Hundreds of carloads of prime beef and sheep are shipped from the area each year.

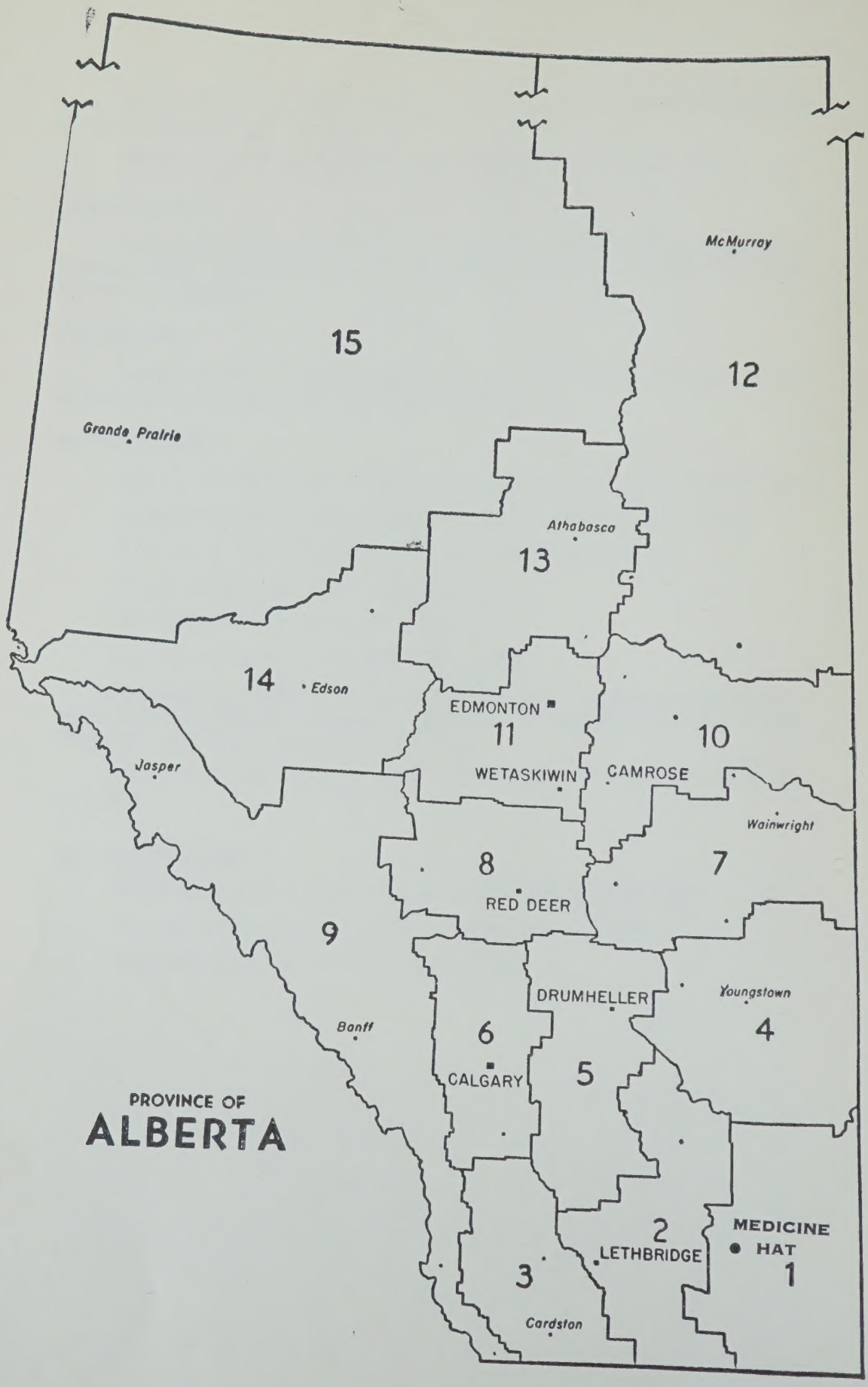
Wheat is the principal crop grown with a large commercial market for vegetables.

45. TRADING AREA

North 51 miles; West 64 miles; South 72 miles; East 29 miles.

Trading area population, 1961 Dominion Census - 60,308.

City population, 1968 Civic Census - 25,713.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